



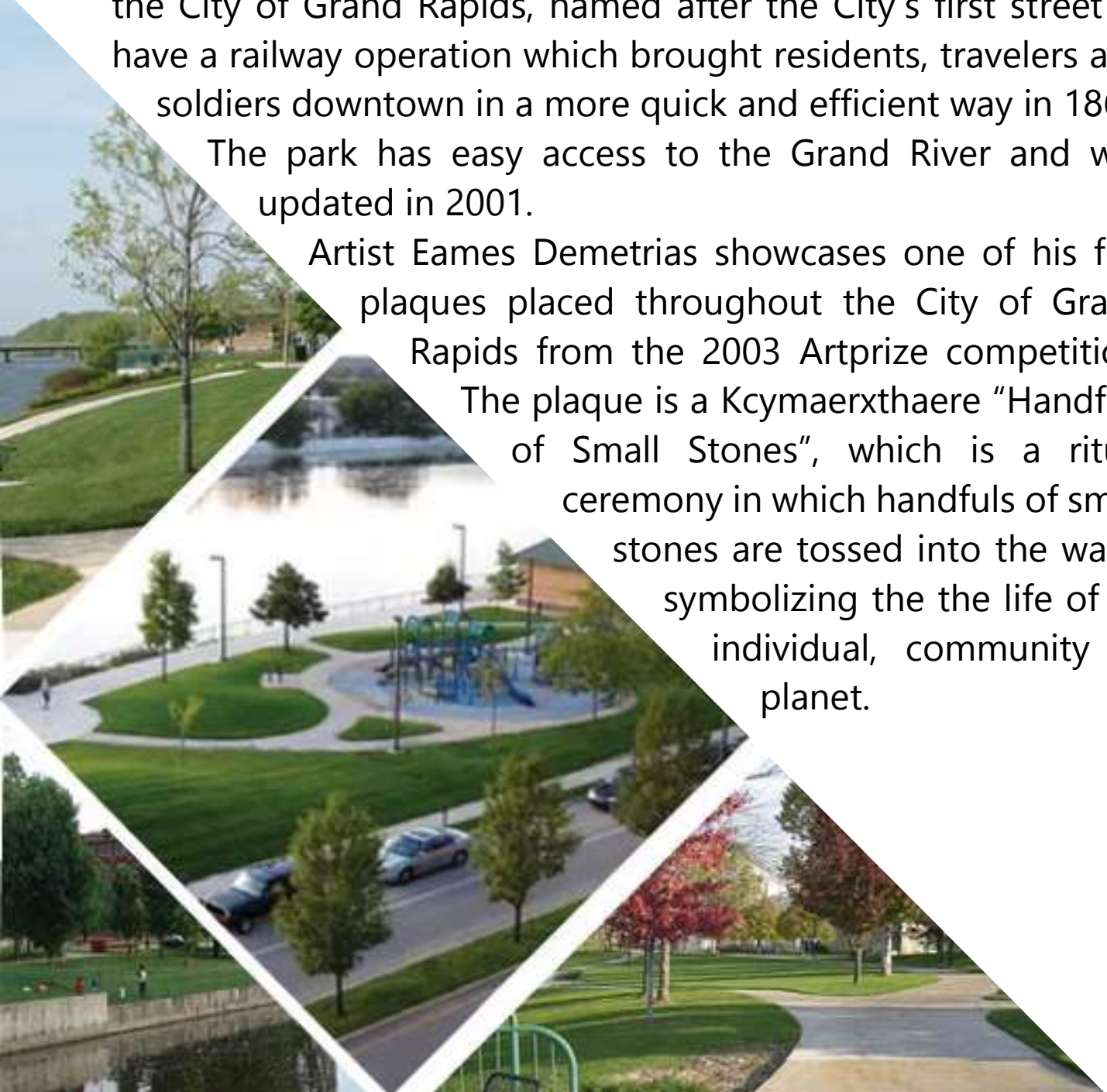
# CANAL PARK

Canal Park is considered to be in the North Business District of the City of Grand Rapids, named after the City's first street to have a railway operation which brought residents, travelers and soldiers downtown in a more quick and efficient way in 1865.

The park has easy access to the Grand River and was updated in 2001.

Artist Eames Demetrias showcases one of his five plaques placed throughout the City of Grand Rapids from the 2003 Artprize competition.

The plaque is a Kcymaerxthaere "Handfuls of Small Stones", which is a ritual ceremony in which handfuls of small stones are tossed into the water symbolizing the the life of an individual, community or planet.



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## **RESTRICTIONS & GUIDELINES**

- A **site map** must be provided to display the layout of the event
- All **sound** must be conducted below 85 decibels, metered at the perimeter
- Any **tape, rope, signs, wire**, etc. that have been placed on the ground, buildings, columns, windows, poles, etc. must be completely removed after the event. Additional fees will be charged if any items are left
- Vendors/trucks/tables all must have a **mat** underneath to avoid damages to the grass and pavement and catch grease and liquid spills
- **Staking** is not permitted, you must use water barrels.
- All **vehicles**, in front of meters or not, must have a permit supplied by parking services. Vehicles without permits may be ticketed  
\*Only vehicles dropping off for set-up/tear down are allowed
- **Parking** is available in front of the park. To have meters hooded please contact parking services
- Electrical **cords** are not to be laid across walkways or over mounds for safety reasons. See map for voltage & locations
  - There are two 20amp 110V outlets on the pole near the restrooms and another set of two 20amp 110V outlets located on a pole on the South end of the park.
- It is required that there is a **clean-up plan** established before the event takes place. There will be an extra fee for damages or any necessary clean up provided by the City.



## **SEVERE WEATHER DEFINITION**

Severe weather involves conditions which can pose health or safety risks to employees or to the public involved in program/ event/facility use. Severe weather examples include: Tornado, Severe Thunderstorms, Lightning, High Winds, Extreme Heat, Extreme Cold, Heavy Snow, Freezing Rain, and Blizzards.

## **WATCH VS WARNING**

### **SEVERE WEATHER WATCH**

- High probabilities of severe weather
- Event continues if weather permits

### **SEVERE WEATHER WARNING**

- Event MC must immediately make an announcement instructing attendees to seek shelter
- Event staff and vendors shut down and turn off any gas or electric components

## **SEVERE WEATHER POLICY**

It is important to have a well thought out and coordinated approach for responding, proceeding and dealing with severe weather. The emphasis is to take reasonable steps towards protecting the public, employees, and property during severe weather.

- Designate a person who will maintain the appropriate communication link (radio, phone, etc.).
- Depending on the event, location, crowd and whether the event is yet to begin, just starting or nearly finished, the staff person in charge may delay or cancel event.
- The staff person in charge will make every effort to secure all equipment.
- When the police officers, fire officers, or other officials are available, their decision to delay or cancel an event should be discussed with the Office of Special Events.

\*Refunds will be made at the discretion of the OSE





## Park Capacity

Canal Park can accommodate a decent amount of people. The number will be determined based upon the event planned.

## Amenities

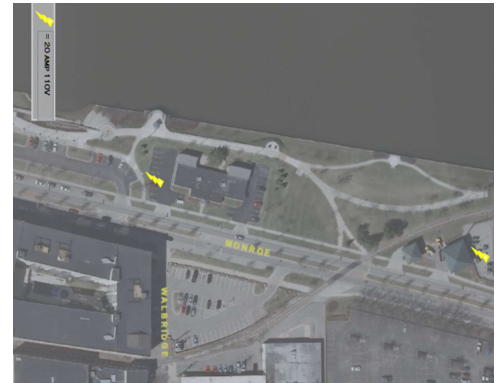
Electric, Restrooms, Parking, Walking Path, Playground, Field, and Riverwalk Access.

## Stage Dimensions

The Canal Park is just under a Mile long from one end to the other, merging into 6th Street Bridge Park.

## Site Rental

There is a cost to rent Canal Park. For a full list of all fees that may apply, please refer to our Planning and Resource Guide at [grandrapidsmi.gov/specialevents](http://grandrapidsmi.gov/specialevents)



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